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**Maricopa County
Animal
Care & Control**
*Lost, Found & Adoption
Locations & Hours*

Animals Lost East of Central
Avenue are taken to:
2630 W. 8th St.
(Mesa/Tempe Border)
North side of 8th Street
Just East of Loop 101

Animals Lost West of
Central Ave. are taken to:
2323 S. 35th Ave.
(West Phoenix)
East side of 35th Avenue
Just South of Durango

Monday—Friday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday—9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Sunday—12:00 noon to 4:30 pm
Phone (602) 506-PETS

Pet Adoption Center
5231 N. 35th Ave.
(35th Ave/Missouri)
(Phoenix)
M-F 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
S-SU 10:00 am to 4:00 pm



ACTIVITY AND LEARNING BOOK



Maricopa County
Animal Care & Control



NEVER TOUCH A STRANGE DOG!

Always ask permission from the owner before petting any dog. Parents should always caution kids that some dogs are not used to or do not like children.

THE SAFE WAY TO MEET A STRANGE DOG...

With the owner supervising, stand quietly with your arms at your side and allow the dog to approach you. Do not shout, wave your arms, or run after the dog. Allow the dog to sniff the back of your hand. If the dog looks frightened, angry, or refuses to sniff your hand - leave him alone!



NEVER TEASE A DOG!!!!

Keep away from dogs that are chained or in fenced yards. Don't shout, run around or stick your hands at dogs through fences or open car windows. Treat your own dogs with respect. *Most bites are inflicted on children who tease their pets!*

NEVER BOTHER A DOG WHILE HE IS EATING OR SLEEPING!



Dogs can be easily startled under certain circumstances and may bite!

NEVER MESS WITH A DOG'S PROPERTY!

Never grab things like bones, balls, or pet toys from a dog. Dogs may become angered if someone is messing with their "stuff."



NEVER APPROACH AN ANGRY-LOOKING DOG!

Barking, growling, snarling with teeth showing, ears laid flat, legs stiff, tail up, and hair standing up on a dog's back are all warning signs. If you encounter an angry dog - freeze! Place your arms by your side. Do not shout at the dog and never run! Do not stare a dog in the eyes. If the dog attacks, curl up in a ball on the ground, pulling your knees up to your chest and covering your ears with your fists.

NEVER STICK YOUR HAND INTO A DOG-FIGHT!!



Dog fights establish who's in charge in a "pack" and usually do not result in any serious injuries to the animals. Even so, a child should never try to separate fighting dogs!

PARENTS, BITE-PROOF YOUR CHILDREN!

Arizona's warm weather means kids are on the move year-round! Children are out to explore new places and come into contact with different sights, sounds, people... and yes, animals! To prevent tragic situations, teach your children these rules about how to behave around all dogs.

- X If you are planning to bring home a new dog soon, call a family conference to set up schedules, choose commands, and discuss who will perform which tasks.
- X A visit to the veterinarian should be scheduled shortly after acquiring a new puppy or dog. Be certain to take any medical records with you .
- X Abrupt changes in diet can result in digestive distress. Find out what the center was using and introduce new foods gradually over several days' time.
- X Young dogs test boundaries and seem to possess limitless energy. Aerobic-level exercise, lots of mind-challenging play and careful management will get you both through this tough time.
- X Housebreaking is accomplished by employing the three C's: Consistency of feeding and walking schedule; confinement, at times, in a crate to build bladder and bowel control; and cleaning with an odor neutralizer when accidents happen.
- X Most actions pet-owners define as misbehaviors are merely normal dog behaviors done at the wrong time or in the wrong place.
- X By enrolling your canine youngster in puppy kindergarten classes at 11-19 weeks of age, he or she will get a jump-start on socialization and appropriate behavior.
- X Two dogs may be twice the fun, but it is important that each dog have an individual relationship with you and the ability to stay by himself from time to time.
- X When naming your new best friend, avoid confusion by steering clear of names that sound like corrections or other commands such as Snow (no), Sid (sit) or Dow Jones (down).
- X Playing "hide the kibble" is a good way to exercise your dog on a rainy day. Put him in a sit-stay in the bathroom, hide a handful of dog food in a dozen spots around the house and then command him to find them.
- X Every dog needs plenty of toys to prevent boredom by chewing, tugging, shaking, tossing, carrying, hiding, burying and napping with them. Rotate toys to keep them interesting.

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SEE IF YOU CAN FIND ALL THE WORDS LISTED BELOW IN THE BOX

1. DOG BITE

2. RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

3. DON'T RUN

4. STAY CALM

5. RESTRAIN

6. CONFINE

7. BODY LANGUAGE

8. ACS
9. ADOPTION

10. CANINE

11. LICENSE

12. ID TAG

13. WILD ANIMALS

14. TRAINING

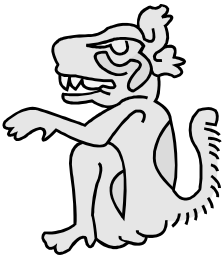
15. WELL BEHAVED DOG

16. SOCIALIZATION

HOW TO REPORT A DANGEROUS DOG OR DOG BITE...

- x

Under no circumstances should you approach a dog who has bitten or demonstrated aggressive behavior. Sometimes, hostile reactions may indicate that the animal is sick. If you have been bitten: Wash the wound with soap and water and get medical treatment right away.



- x

Note the dog's breed, size, color, and any other distinguishing features such as a collar and tags. Animal Care & Control authorities will have an easier time finding the dog if they have complete information.
- x

Call Animal Care & Control at (602) 506-PETS immediately and tell them you are reporting an aggressive or biting dog. Do not report stray dogs as aggressive unless they have demonstrated this behavior!
- x

When the Animal Care & Control Officer arrives, tell him where you last saw the dog and in which direction he was moving. Be certain to inform the officer if the dog was exhibiting any strange behavior.
- x

Do your part to keep your dogs from hurting others. Keep them on a leash when out of the yard, vaccinate them against rabies, keep their County license current, enroll in or start an obedience training time with your pet and last but not least spay and neuter your dog!

DID YOU KNOW?

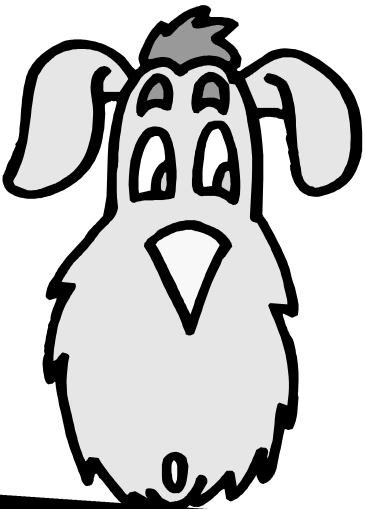
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50% of all children under age 12 have been bitten by a dog
- X

Even the cutest, sweetest puppy can bite if provoked
- X

Some people actually promote aggressive behavior in dogs
- X

All dog bites should be reported to the proper authorities



BITE PREVENTION QUIZ
(SEE FIRST TWO PAGES FOR ANSWERS)



Name 5 ways to avoid being bitten by a dog or wild animal

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.



Name 5 things you can do to prevent your dog from biting someone

1.


2.

3.

4.

5.



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Read and answer the questions on page 8 to solve the puzzle.

WHAT MY DOG HAS...

Look for the clues on page 9 to answer the following questions:

- x What a dog gets after playing in the rain?
- x The best place to sleep in the house?
- x Dog jewelry?
- x What you do to a dog's coat?
- x Where your dog should play?
- x Your dog should always have current?
- x Never take this away from a dog?
- x To make your dog clean and happy you must give him a _____.
- x The dog ate my favorite _____.
- x Dogs have a _____.
- x What a dog wears?
- x A dog is happy when he is _____.
- x A well _____ dog is a happy dog.
- x Dogs love to meet _____ man.
- x You should always walk your dog on a _____.
- x Put a _____ and a _____ in your dogs bed for when it is _____.
- x Large dogs have very _____.
- x Dogs love to play _____.
- x Look out for the _____ in the back yard.
- x Fetch the _____. Why a dog is know as man's best friend?
- x Don't forget to take your dog to the _____.



Things to do to help homeless animals

- x Organize a blanket, towel or dog/cat food drive.
- x Hold a neighborhood yard or bake sale and donate the profits to AC&C.
- x Volunteer at the closest center to your home. They can always use an extra hand.
- x Choose your next pet from a local center. There are many animals of all types waiting for a permanent, loving home.
- x Spread the word. Tell your friends of all the wonderful services AC&C provides to your community.
- x Be a responsible pet guardian. Have current identification and vaccinations for your pet. Spay or neuter your pet, and make sure your pet is properly supervised at all times.
- x Report animal cruelty and neglect, as well as injured or stray animals. You may prevent suffering and save a life.

Fun Activity

- x Find the pets for sale section in the local paper. Figure out how many animals are being sold and how many are being given away. What is the most popular breed? Which is the most expensive? How many cats? How many dogs? How many dogs are purebred? How many dogs are mixed breed?
- x Read a book about an animal and write a paper on the relationship between the person and the animal.
- x Having a pet is a big responsibility. Besides making sure your pet is fed and watered daily, describe some other responsibilities in being a pets guardian.
- x What is your favorite type of pet? Write a few paragraphs explaining why this is your favorite, and then what you would need to do to be a responsible pet guardian.

Do The Math

- x Add up the costs of having different types of pets. Price of food listed is for one week. Make sure you multiply to get the total for the entire year. Also include \$30 for each animal for their annual trip to the veterinarian.

DOG		CAT		FISH		REPTILE		BIRD	
BOWLS	\$14	Bowls	\$12	Tank	\$35	Tank	\$35	Cage	\$35
Food	\$6	Food	\$4	Food	\$2	Food	\$3	Food	\$4
Leash	\$10	Toys	\$20	Gravel	\$4	Light	\$25	Toys	\$20
Collar	\$8	Collar	\$6	Pump	\$27	Branch	\$10		
Toys	\$30	Litter	\$40						
License	\$10	ID Tag	\$2						
\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	

- x Which pet listed above cost the most to keep for a year? Which cost the least? Write a paragraph describing why some pets cost less than others.

A Math Challenge - Too Many Dogs

- x One female dog has a litter of 4 puppies. She has the same number of pups twice a year for 6 years. If every puppy born from every litter during those 6 years has four puppies, how many puppies will have been produced during that six year period?

